



H.RES. 936 – HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GALLATIN REPORT ON ROADS AND CANALS, CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL UNITY THE GALLATIN REPORT ENGENDERED, AND RECOGNIZING THE VAST CONTRIBUTIONS THAT NATIONAL PLANNING EFFORTS HAVE PROVIDED TO THE UNITED STATES

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 936 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) on January 23, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, but was never considered.

H.Res. 936 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on March 11, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 936 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Reaffirms the goals and ideals that formed the impetus for Gallatin's national plan two hundred years ago;
- Calls on the Federal Government, States, localities, schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and the citizens of the United States to mark this important anniversary by recalling the important legacy of public investment in infrastructure that connects and enhances the economies, communications, and communities of our several States; and
- Supports the creation of a new national plan to align the demands for economic development with the resources of the Nation.

BACKGROUND

2008 marks the bicentennial of the report that Secretary of the Treasury Albert Gallatin presented to President Thomas Jefferson in 1808, in which he proposed improvements to the existing transportation infrastructure in the United States, at a cost of \$20 million. Gallatin sought to improve transportation and access to new markets, populations, and territories of the United States through the construction of interior canals and roads. The debate concerning Gallatin's proposals were lost at the outbreak of the War of 1812, but his proposals and ideas would serve as the model for future national transportation infrastructure systems.

Today, the Interstate Highway System is over 40,000 miles long and connects 45 of the 50 State capitals, as well as the Nation's Capital, Washington, D.C. The five State capitals not directly served by the Interstate System are Juneau, Alaska; Dover, Delaware; Jefferson City, Missouri; Carson City, Nevada; and Pierre, South Dakota.

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